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SUBJECT: IRAN SUGGESTS SPECIAL ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS'
MEETING TO SEEK SOLUTION TO LEBANESE CRISIS

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1. FOLLOWING UP SHAH'S SUGGESTION AT SALLAAM FOR MOSLEM AMBASSADORS
DECEMBER 13 THAT ISLAMIC COUNTRIES SHOULD JOIN TOGETHER TO
HELP BRINGPEACE TO LEBANON(REFTEL), FONMIN KHALATBARY CALLEDIN
AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN,
KUWAIT AND LEBANON DECEMBER 15 AND URGED THAT SPECIAL SESSION
OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS BE CONVENED TO TRY TO FIND SOLUTION
TO LEBANON'S PROBLEMS, KHALATBARY SUGGESTED INVITATION COME
FROM SAUDI ARABIA SINCE SECRETARIAT OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IS
IN JIDDA. HE ASKED AMBASSADORS PRESENT TO GET REACTIONS OF
THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO THIS PROPOSAL.

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2. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AL-KHALIL TOLD DCM DECEMBER 17 HE HAD

DISCUSSED MATTER ON TELEPHONE WITH BOTH PRESIDENT FRANJIYEH AND PRIMIN KARAMI WHO THOUGHT IDEA WAS EXCELLENT AND SUGGESTED THAT SPECIAL SESSION BE HELD IN LEBANON ITSELF SO FOREIGN MINISTERS COULD SEE SITUATION AT FIRST HAND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT INSIST ON IT. LEBANESE GOVT HAS PUBLICLY PRAISED IDEA OF SUCH A SPECIAL SESSION, AL-KHALIL SAID, AND AT LEAST EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND KUWAIT HAVE INDICATED APPROCAL PRIVATELY. SYRIA HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

3. DISCUSSING BACKGROUND OF THIS IRANIAN INITIATIVE, AL-KHALIL TOLD DCM HE HAD INDUCED KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL-SABAH, WHO IS DEAN OF ISLAMIC AMBASSADORS IN TEHRAN, TO INCLUDE SOMETHING ON LEBANON IN HIS REMARKS AT DECEMBER 13 SALAAM. AL-SABAH HAD CALLED FOR END TO FRATRICIDE IN LEBANON THROUGH ACTION Z ALL ISLAMIC NATIONS AND SHAH SEIZED UPON IDEA IN HIS RESPONSE. AT TEA AFTERWARDS WHOLE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SHAH AND ISLAMIC AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN ABOUT SITUATION IN LEBANON, APCFRENTLY CRYSTALIZING SHAH'S THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT AND LEADING TO GOI INITIATIVE. ACCORDING TO AL-KHALIL, AMBASSADORS CALLED IN BY KHALATABRY REPRESENTED COUNRTIES MOST INTIMATELY CONCERNED WITH LEBANESE PROBLEM BUT PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE WELCOME.
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